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May 19, 1981

Dear Senator Sarbanes:

Thank you for your inquiry of May 7 on behalf of your constituent concerning the imprisonment in Argentina of Ricardo Ripodas and his brother, Cristanto.

According to the latest information available from our Embassy in Buenos Aires, Ricardo Ripodas is being held in Sierra Chica Prison under criminal and National Executive Power or "PEN" charges. To date we have no information regarding the detention of Cristanto Ripodas.

We will ask our Embassy to inquire into the current status of Ricardo Ripodas' case and to remain alert to any additional information that may become available concerning either Ricardo or Cristanto. Your office will be notified directly of any significant developments in the cases.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Fairbanks
Assistant Secretary
for Congressional Relations

Enclosure:

Correspondence returned.

The Honorable

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